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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 14, 2006, claims 16, 17, 21, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,727,146 (Savoldi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,744,767 (Chiu) and U.S. Patent No. 6,944,673 (Malan); and claims 22 and 23 were rejected under § 103 over Savoldi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,944,673 (Malan) and further in view of Liu and Chiu.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-3, 5-13, 19, and 25.

Claims 16, 17, 21-24, and 26 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejections of the claims moot.

All remaining claims have been allowed.

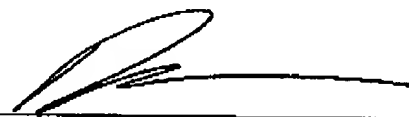
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Office Action quoted language from independent claim 19. Note that the other allowed claims do not recite the same language as claim 19. Each of the remaining claims should be construed based on the specific language of the respective claim.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0100US).

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